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Subject: Presidential directives regarding the National Environmental Protection Act

Friends and Rellies,

We must do something about this latest attempt by the Bush administration to usurp the people's right to know what it is doing to our health, our safety, and the preservation of our environmental blessings for future generations. I have included a link which will enable you to submit your own comments. I urge you to do so!

The ruse of throwing the national security blanket over the environmentally significant activities of numerous government agencies is a sneak attack upon the right of the American people to know about and comment upon government activities that affect or may affect their health and safety. To be sure, certain activities need to be kept secret to protect national security, but under the provisions of this act an agency need only to say that secrecy is required and the deed is done. Freedom is not lost overnight; it recedes bit by bit into the darkness of tyranny. Public apathy begins the transition and by the time the people realize what has happened it is too late. Let us remember Lord Acton's dictum: "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely". The public MUST be admitted to the process.

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Sincerely,
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